

**THE BATTLE AT FREDERICKSBURG.**—The Paris Moniteur publishes an account of the battle of Fredericksburg, from which we make the following extract:

One cannot but be deeply impressed by the picture offered by the position of the two armies. On the one side division after division, in order of battle, silent, and marked by curtains of trees which the southern staff had taken care to leave standing before their batteries, and crouching at their feet the sappers ready to fell them with axe and saw; on every road a series of abattis, sheltering sharpshooters and infantry columns, and which, to the best glasses of Burnside, presented nothing but a confused appearance of tangled leaves and brushwood. Lastly, all those consummate soldiers, Lee, Jackson, Longstreet, Stuart, watching from their invisible fastnesses the fine army they saw proudly filing along the bridges over the Rappahannock, having but a vague consciousness of the disaster that awaited it. And yet, tho' vague, that consciousness existed. The divisions did not march merrily to meet their doom. Their cheers were cold, and their songs mournful. The military instincts of both officers and men told them that the silent forests that stretched before them had a bloody surprise in store for them, and that 120,000 were not sufficient to storm ramparts which nature herself had taken care to fortify. \* \* \* "My plan was very simple," says Gen. Burnside, "it was to occupy one of the heights, to cut the enemy's line, and prevent its joining." The Federal commander-in-chief had forgotten but one thing—that to occupy any given height was not sufficient, but that it was necessary to hold it; and Gen. Lee is far too skilful a strategist not to be aware that a line of battle six miles long, as is his own, runs the risk of being broken through a hundred times, if the commander has been unable to concentrate in his hands a powerful reserve, established at a point whence assistance may be rapidly given from the centre to the extremities. He did so, and with a prudence and correctness of judgment for which he was rewarded by victory. Gen. H. D. Hill's division was posted under his hand, in the rear of the line of battle, at the foot of a height. An episode of the fight shows how admirably the position, where it was most wanted, had been selected for it. About half-past one in the afternoon, when the division of Gen. A. P. Hill was driven back, and the northerners appeared to be gaining ground, suddenly a black line was seen to emerge from a deep valley and advance at the double quick toward the threatened point. It was a brigade of the reserve. With marvelous rapidity it deployed as it advanced, and plunged into the woods on the extreme right. A quarter of an hour after it reappeared, always at the same pace, and resumed its place in the reserve.—The troops it was sent to support had judged its aid unnecessary.

Eighteen Pennsylvania colonels have lost their lives during the present war. Sixteen of the whole number were killed in battle, and two died in camp of disease contracted in the service.

The London papers say the forthcoming marriage of the Prince of Wales will be celebrated with more than usual show and ceremony. The event, it is said, will take place early in March. The future daughter-in-law of the Queen will arrive at Gravesend in the Royal Yacht, where the Prince of Wales will receive her.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, writing from on board the steamer Vanderbilt, in Hampton Roads, states that the new Confederate iron-clad "Merrimac" has been showing herself lately at the mouth of James River.

Yesterday the President sent to the Senate the names of Frank P. Blair and Abner Doubleday as Major Generals of the volunteer service.

**The Late Movement.**

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.]

The universal testimony of the stragglers is of their disgust with the present aspect of things. To be "stuck in the mud" at the beginning of a grand effort, and to have been several days in the midst of the severest and most unpleasant scenes of a soldier's experience, has excited all kinds of complaint and murmurings. I have never heard so much dissatisfaction expressed before as I have to day.

A disposition is manifested in many quarters to attribute the failure of the recent movement, not to the unfavorable weather and the mud, but to the want of hearty co-operation among the officers. Rivalry and jealousy, as at the battle of December 13, caused the failure on this occasion also. So say many whose opinions have a wide influence in the army.

But, whatever lack of enthusiastic co-operation there may have been in any quarter, it will be difficult for any who saw the condition of the roads, and twenty horses tugging at a single cannon, and 150 men at one pontoon wagon, and the mud-holes filled with dead and worn out animals, to believe that anything could have been accomplished, with the greatest possible good-will and exertion of every one. Seventy five dead horses were counted to-day in the short space of three miles, between the ford and Beriah Church. Dead horses are so abundant that a man to-day was endeavoring to contract for horses' tails and manes.

**Farewell Address of Gen. Franklin.**

**HEADQUARTERS LEFT GRAND DIVISION,** Jan. 26, 1863.—To the Officers and Men of the Left Grand Division.—In obedience to the order of the highest authority, the undersigned relinquishes the command of the left grand division. He does so with sincere regret. His connection with the command has been ever pleasant. The prompt obedience and cheerful co-operation you have at all times rendered, your patient endurance upon the march, your steady bravery upon the field, the manly determination with which you have encountered and overcome the dangers and hardships of several trying campaigns, command his admiration and gratitude. All of you are endeared to him by gallant conduct and loyal service, and most of you by the memories of many battle-fields and the proud recollection that from none of them have you been driven back. By these common memories he exhorts you to prove true and fight gallantly in the future, as you have ever fought in the past, for the great cause in which you are engaged, believing that for yourselves you will win imperishable fame, for your country final and enduring victory.

In severing a connection which you have made so dear, he asks that no one will believe that he voluntarily parts with you in the face of the enemy.

W. B. FRANKLIN,  
Major General Volunteers.

General Saxton, commanding at Port Royal, has appointed a committee, consisting of Rev. M. French, Rev. L. Brinkerhoff, and Mr. B. K. Lee, jr., to whom all cases of domestic difficulty among the contrabands will be referred. If, among those who apply to be married, there are any cases where, in consequence of bad treatment, desertion, or unfaithfulness, a divorce should be granted from parties with whom they have been previously related as husband and wife, before the marriage rite can, with propriety, be celebrated, to this commission all such cases will be referred, and their decision will be final in the matter.

A few days ago Gen. Charles D. Stone was detailed for duty upon a court martial ordered upon the case of Floyd Jones. Yesterday for the first time in nearly a year, he appeared in full uniform, but was met by an order detaching him from the service to which he had been assigned.

**BULL'S COUGH SYRUP.**—A constant supply for sale at HENRY COOK'S Store, 29 King street, and at the corner of King and Alfred streets. Jan 14—3w

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**CHEAP FAMILY GROCERY,**  
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A full supply of family groceries always on hand. Jan 13

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We especially call the attention of purchasers to our **Russian Sable, Martin, Fitch, Mink, Siberian Squirrel, and American and Canadian Furs**, consisting in Ladies' and Children's Tippets, Capes, Mantles, new style of Fur Collars, and Gentlemen's Mufflers.

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**WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GROCER.**  
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500 " Prime Apples.  
100 " Cider.  
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100 kegs Glades Butter.  
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200 York State Cheese.  
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Also, keep constantly on hand, Syrup, Sugar, Hams, Mackerel, Herring, Tobacco, Segars, Sutler's supplies. &c. &c.

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**JOSEPH HUNTER,**  
**WILKINSON HUNTER.**  
Jan 26—3t\*